

Office of Trade Relations Global Supply Chain Subcommittee Status Report

General description

Objective/Goal of the subcommittee

The primary objective/goal of the subcommittee is to generate advice and develop recommendations pertaining to the safe and expedited movement of cargo through the Global Supply Chain. To accomplish the above stated objective/goal the subcommittee has formed two working groups; the Air Cargo Advance Screening Working Group (ACASWG) and the Beyond the Border / 21st Century Working Group.

Where does it fit in our trade transformation strategy?

Beyond the Border / 21st Century Working Group: Consistency & harmonization, modernization, co-creation, bi-directional education, partnerships

ACAS working group: Consistency & Harmonization, modernization, co-creation bi-directional education, Implementation of Global Supply Chain Security Strategy and Advanced Data

Chair/Co-Chair Names

The COAC Trade Co-Chair is Jim Phillips, General Motors LLC. The government subcommittee Co-Chair has been Acting Executive Director Augustine Moore and will be Acting Executive Director Michael Denning going forward.

Number of participants from COAC

The Global Supply Chain Subcommittee is comprised of 12 COAC members.

Subcommittee conference calls:

Update: The subcommittee met on 3 separate conference calls this quarter and discussed issues related to the Beyond the Border initiatives with Canada; 21st Century initiatives with Mexico; the movement of expedited release programs from ACS to ACE; and the Office of Field Operations, Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison outreach PowerPoint presentation regarding Carrier Conveyance Contamination. The Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) pilot was not a major topic of discussion during this quarter.

Highlights

Accomplishments: The subcommittee gave helpful suggestions regarding the Carrier Conveyance Contamination PowerPoint presentation. They have emphasized the importance of migrating the legacy expedited release programs of FAST, Line Release and BRASS into ACE. Concerns were expressed that communication of Mexican initiatives that have had recent impact on the Southern border could be communicated better with the trade prior to their implementation. A Mexican government representative will address the subcommittee in October.